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SUBJ: KOREAN REPRESENTATION ON SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

1. DURING PAST WEEKEND, GSTP RECEIVED REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH ROK AND DPRK AND REPORTEDLY AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN LIBREVILLE, WHO HAD ESTABLISHED PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH GSTP PRIMIN/FONMIN TROVOADA DURING YEAR PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE, REPRESENTED ROK. NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATS FROM EQUATORIAL GUINEA REPRESENTED DPRK.

2. ACCORDING TO SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR, NORTH KOREANS ATTEMPTED PRESSURE TROVOADA INTO REFUSING RELATIONS WITH ROK MUCH AS THEY HAD TRIED TO PRESSURE BONGO INTO DROPPING VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA (LIBREVILLE 1048 AND 1066). NORTH KOREANS EVIDENTLY SWEETENED THEIR PRESSURE WITH OFFER ASSISTANCE AND OF RESIDENT MISSION. TROVOADA POLITELY INFORMED THEM THAT MATTER WAS ONE FOR GSTP TO DECIDE, AND THAT AGREEMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGNED WITH ROK.

3. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR BELIEVES ROK POSITION SAFE FOR TIME BEING WITH GSTP, BUT WILL URGE SEOUL TO
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TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF FRIENDSHIP TO NEW NATION. HE
THINKS FIRST HELP MIGHT BE DOCTOR AND SOME MEDICAL
SUPPLIES, AS EXTENSION OF SIMILAR PROGRAM NOW UNDER
WAY IN GABON.
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